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Re: Request by Carolina Water Service (CWS), 2011-47-WS

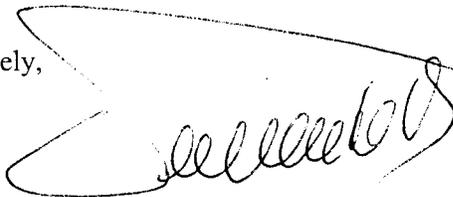
To Whom It May Concern:

I am resident at 85 Heritage Drive in River Hills, Lake Wylie. I noticed in an article of The Herald, April 21, 2011 that CWS submitted a rate increase amounting to 80% in a single step. I am considered about this enormous increase and submitting an objection. The article states that since 2007 (last rate increase in water service) by CWS the national average of operating and maintenance costs have rise by 6% yearly. Calculating the accumulative yearly increases for 2008, 2009 and 2010 would result in about 20% of the 2007 costs, **NOT 80%**.

The 80% increase in a single step seems totally unjustified and is certainly objectionable. The question comes up whether CWS only asks for a justified rate increase to cover increased costs or also asks for an about **60% increase** in the rate of their return on equity?

I am asking the Public Service Commission to reject the submission by CWS and approve no more than what is justified: covering the increase in the operation and maintenance costs.

Sincerely,



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